

# Delta Stewardship Council

## Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee

### *Draft Guiding Principles*

#### ***Statement of Purpose:***

The Delta falls within the jurisdiction of many state, federal and local agencies. The Delta Plan furthers the achievement of the coequal goals, in a manner that protects and enhances the Delta as an evolving place, by integrating these agencies' plans in a single blueprint. The Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC/Committee) will strive to facilitate Delta Plan implementation through increased coordination and integration in support of shared national, statewide and local goals for the Delta.

#### ***Guiding Principles:***

- Priority-Focused Discussions  
The Committee will identify and focus on high priority areas for policy discussions of specific Delta challenges in water and ecosystem management, agency coordination and effective multi-plan implementation.
- Interagency Coordination – Delta Plan/ California Water Action Plan  
The Committee will coordinate interagency involvement with planning, programs, policy and regulation development as it relates to implementation of the Delta Plan and Delta-related portions of the California Water Action Plan.
- Achievement of Coequal Goals  
Shared priorities will guide Council staff, working closely with member agency staff, to make targeted progress toward achieving the coequal goals. Committee members will inform and direct staff and management within their agencies as necessary to facilitate collaboration and integration and expedite progress.
- Accountability  
Accountability may be maintained through progress reports to the Committee covering varied aspects of multi-plan implementation and agency involvement in the Delta.
- Consensus-based Action  
The Committee is not a voting body. Each member will strive to achieve general consensus on Committee priority areas where coordination is critical.

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***General Procedure:***

- The Committee will be chaired by a member of the Delta Stewardship Council, who will also act as the principal liaison between the Council and the Committee.
- Each DPIIC member agency will be represented by the highest level of authority to formally speak on behalf of the agency at a policy and management level, extending that authority to a designated alternate, if necessary.
- DPIIC member agencies will attend and participate in Committee meetings at a level that supports Committee objectives, allocating staff time and resources where appropriate. Council staff will work with designated agency representatives to execute Committee direction and ensure administrative coordination.
- The Delta Plan states that the Committee will convene twice a year, or more if necessary. Committee members may initiate a meeting of the Committee as needed.
- Committee meetings will be noticed and open to the public. All interested parties and non-member agencies are strongly encouraged to attend.
- **Work Groups:**  
The Committee recognizes the many existing interagency work groups and collaborative efforts addressing a range of issues impacting the Delta. In order to improve efficiency and avoid duplication of efforts, the Committee may use and support existing forums, i.e. Collaborative Adaptive Management Team or the Delta Restoration Network, where appropriate, or designate new work groups to address Delta issues demanding interagency collaboration to further the achievement of the coequal goals.

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**I. CHARGE:**

The Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC) will serve as a forum to discuss, consider and orchestrate the timely and orderly implementation of actions consistent with the policies and recommendations outlined in the Delta Plan and, more specifically, with the annual priorities set by the Delta Stewardship Council (Council). This effort will further the achievement of the coequal goals in a manner that protects and enhances the Delta as an evolving place.

The DPIIC will interact with and report to the Council on implementing agency task priorities, identifying obstacles to and opportunities for success. The DPIIC Chair shall have discretion to raise any issue related to the Delta Plan for DPIIC discussion and consideration. The DPIIC will undertake efforts to maximize government efficiency, provide leadership and accountability, and highlight where agency alignment will have the greatest positive impact.<sup>1</sup>

**II. Objectives:**

- Monitor and assess progress of priority actions and agency activities to implement the Delta Plan;
- Synthesize interagency activities to improve efficiency and effectiveness, assembling work groups as needed to address specific impediments to progress;
- Identify opportunities for integration and leveraging of funding among state and federal agencies;
- Support existing collaborative efforts and interagency agreements that contribute to Delta Plan implementation;
- Assist in the ongoing development and tracking of Delta Plan performance measures;
- Coordinate regulatory actions on significant projects to implement the Delta Plan, as appropriate;
- Identify funding needs and support development of a finance plan to implement the Delta Plan;
- Build effective policy-science interactions between resource decision-makers and scientists;
- Showcase successes where coordination efforts are effective; and
- Prioritize transparency and receipt of public stakeholder input.

<sup>1</sup>Adopted by the Delta Stewardship Council: December 19, 2013